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To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, Deputy City Manager
From: Larry Smith, Interim Chief of Police
Subject: 6. FY2015-16 Amendments to the Budget Ordinance, and Grant Project Ordinances and a Resolution

In 2008 Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA's Triangle Initiative was created in North Carolina; it includes five counties: Durham (fiduciary), Johnston, Wake, Wayne, and Wilson. This area of North Carolina was designated as a HIDTA due to being a notable distribution hub for illicit drugs both within the HIDTA area and throughout the Eastern United States. The mission/focus of the Atlanta-Carolinas HIDTA is the disruption and dismantlement of upper and mid-level Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) and Money Laundering Organizations (MLOs) controlled or supplied by Transnational Criminal Organizations (TCOs) and the seizure of their drugs, currency and other assets. The objective of the program is to stop high level distributors of large amounts of illegal substances. This is accomplished through intelligence-driven multi-jurisdictional operations; that enhance the safety and effectiveness of law enforcement operations through training; and improved communication and information sharing among criminal justice, drug prevention, and drug treatment professionals in support of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The HIDTA Triangle Initiative includes collaborations/partnerships at the federal level (DEA), state level (NCSHP & NCSBI) and local level (Durham, Raleigh, Cary, Wilson, Greenville, Wake County, Harnett County, Lenoir County, Orange County, and Wayne County). The City of Durham through the Durham Police Departments serves as the fiduciary for the HIDTA grant each year. HIDTA grant funding has been spent on the following:

- Overtime – State and local officer overtime funding. Each agency has officers assigned to the HIDTA Triangle Initiative and those officers' overtime is reimbursed through the grant.
- Travel – The task force conducts major investigations with ties to other HIDTA jurisdictions. This travel will include air fare, rental vehicle, lodging and other miscellaneous expenses.
- Services – language interpreters, pen registers, special investigations, cellular service and tracking.
- Supplies – general supplies
- Equipment – Cameras
- PE/PI – Purchase of evidence and payments
- Supplemental Funding
 - Drug Free Jr. Bulls (Paid for up to 200 at-risks youth and their parents to participate in the program)
 - Pill Drop Off Boxes – Where residents can dispose of their unused medications

The City of Durham through the Durham Police Department generally accepts the HIDTA award yearly during the budget process.